

I am opposed to Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air a one-sided documentary so close to the national election. This does not fall under the First Amendment and free speech rights in my opinion. I am a librarian and pride myself in providing many points of view in my library's collection. If Sinclair airs a "documentary" with a clearly anti-Kerry point of view, they should also air a program with a pro-Kerry point of view to claim that they are within their free speech rights. All sides must be presented to the American public to allow them to make up their own minds and express their own views within their free speech rights.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.